

Delft, Nov. 4th '16.
Haagweg 43^{1/2}.

Dear Miss,

I cannot omit thanking you personally for the extraordinary, splendid evening you have offered us yesterday.

Though I am only an absolute layman and therefore surely not able to appreciate your genius to the fullest extent, I may say that we lived at times in an almost divine sphere and that you touched us in the deepest of our souls.

I felt somewhat of a pity for you when after each piece, the applause, which you were sure to come, exploded and you had to bow again and again, but in truth how could the mass otherwise give evidence of its approbation?

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I possess some of your magazine records and now that I have seen and heard you personally, I should deem it such a great favor if you would kindly give me your photo with signature. Perhaps it is best to tell you at the same time that it is no mania with me to collect photo's of celebrities, but that I simply ask you this favor, because I should find so much delight in having your portrait hanging in the room where we enjoy your records, as a remembrance of the evening of the 3rd of November 1916.

Of course I understand that you cannot be too generous with such favors, but very probably I am the only one of the many hundreds

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present who troubles you to this effect.

I do not know whether you read all your correspondence yourself, but in case this letter comes before your eyes, please give it one moment's thought, then I do not doubt what your decision will be!

With my sincere thanks for your kindness, I beg to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

A. R. termam.

